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O'AHU FAMILY COURT OFFERS FREE DIVORCE LAW SEMINAR

The Family Court of the First Judicial Circuit (O'ahu) is sponsoring a free informational program, "Divorce Law in Hawai'i," from 12 noon to 1 p.m., Thursday, November 18, 2004, in the Supreme Court courtroom, located on the second floor of Ali'iolani Hale, 417 South King Street (behind the King Kamehameha statue).

William C. Darrah, who has practiced divorce law in Hawai'i for more than 25 years, will give an overview of custody and visitation, division of property, child support, alimony, and other matters relating to divorce. Attendees will also learn where to read more about divorce law in Hawai'i, how the legal process works in this state, and where to get Family Court divorce forms and how to use them.

Darrah, who specializes in financially complex matrimonial matters, is editor of the monthly Journal of Hawai'i Family Law and the annual Hawai'i Divorce Manual. A graduate of New York University School of Law, he has been certified by the American Bar Association as a divorce mediator. Since 1979, Darrah has helped with numerous Family Court divorce education programs offered to the public, including The Divorce Experience and Kids First.

The "Divorce Law in Hawai'i" program is presented monthly throughout 2004 as a public service. For more information, contact the First Circuit Court Operations Office at 539-4448, or visit the Judiciary's website at www.courts.state.hi.us to see the 2004 calendar.

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